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SUBJECT: ME FRENCH POSITION ON SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: USUN 5572

1. QUAI UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE DISCUSSED FRENCH POSITION ON CURRENT SC HANDLING OF ME CONFERENCE WITH EMBOFF DECEMBER 13. HE DEFINED PARIS' TWO ESSENTIAL POINTS AS (1) UNSC MUST HOLD FORMAL MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT AND CANNOT LIMIT ITSELF TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND (2) UNSC MUST DEFINE ROLE OF SYG PRIOR TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA ME PEACE CONFERENCE.

2. LEPRETTE INDICATED GOF FLEXIBILITY ON OTHER ASPECTS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THIS CONFERENCE. FOR INSTANCE HE AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S CAUTIONING AGAINST PERMITTING WIDE-OPEN SC DEBATE ON ME JUST BEFORE CONFERENCE; LEPRETTE SPECIFIED THAT ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE COULD BE WORKED OUT INCLUDING ADOPTION OF TEXT WTH-OUT OBJECTIONS IN BRIEF COUNCIL SESSION WITH ONLY PRESIDENT SPEAKING. HE ALSO SAID SUCH TEXT COULD BE IN FORM OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT RATHER THAN RESOLUTION.

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3. LEPRETTE, HOWEVER, COULD NOT AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S DISMISSAL OF UN CHARTER ARTICLE 100 AS IRRELEVANT. HE SAID GOF INSISTS ON NSC DEFINING ROLE OF SYG AT GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT HIM MAKE

APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTION TO ARAB-ISRAELI PEACEMAKING
PROCESS WITHIN SPIRIT AND LETTER OF UN CHARTER.

4. COMMENT: GOF DESIDERATA ARE IN LINE WITH POSITION
IT HAS HELD CONSISTENTLY ON MESETTLEMENT. WE DO
NOT HAVE IMPRESSION FRENCH WILL PLAY SPOILER'S ROLE
DESPITE THEIR SKEPTICISM REGARDING CONFERENCE. WE
WOULD WELCOME DETAILS OF INDICATIONS REPORTED REFTEL
THAT FRANCE ENCOURAGING NON-ALIGNED TO BE UNHELPFUL.
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